

**Executive Director Report**  
**March 23, 2006**

Budget/Administration

- Realized salary savings related to staff leave in the amount of \$14,000.
- Received reimbursement for staff costs from Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council under bio-energy grant in amount of \$4,143.00.
- Submitted Budget Revision to Finance to include Reimbursement Authority in Budget to allow for the receipt of reimbursement funds relative to visioning consultants costs and funds from other organizations as noted above.

Legislation Staff is Following (updates provided to Commissioners when timely)

- AB 797 (Wolk), Delta Protection Commission.
- AB 798 (Wolk), Flood Protection/Levee Maintenance.
- AB 802 (Wolk), Land Use, Water Supply.
- AB 1244 (Wolk), Calfed Bay-Delta Program.
- AB 1561 (Umberg), State Boards and Commissions, Member Attendance.
- AB 1665 (Laird), Flood Control.
- AB 1839 (Laird), Water: Flood Protection/Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond.
- AB 1877 (Nakanishi), Flood Control/F&G Streambed Alteration Permits.
- AB 1898 (Jones), Flood Insurance.
- AB 1899 (Wolk), Land Use, Flood Protection.
- AB 2901 (Wolk), Mercury Monitoring and Remediation.
- SB 200 (Machado), Conservancy.
- SB 1166 (Aanestad), Water: Flood Protection/Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond.
- SB 1556 (Torlakson), Great California Delta Trails System.

Met with legislative staff: Melinda Terry, Deputy Secretary for Resources (Legislation); Congressman Pombo (District Representative); and Assemblyman Nakanishi (Legislative Director).

Projects/Facilitation

- Delta Wide Vision: actively participating in development of strategy/governance discussions.
- DPC federal funding/support list: developed and provided Commissioners with reference information for CAP to CAP trip and other similar venues to Washington DC.
- Delta Discovery Center: facilitating discussions with Commissioner BOS members to gain support and potential funding.
- Coastal Commission/Contra Costa County Clean Boating Grant application: provided support for inclusion of streamline process for abandoned vessel removal program.
- American Land Conservancy: facilitated discussions relative to potential for development of a Landowner-driven Delta Easement Program.

- Lower Yolo Bypass Collaborative: working with partners (Center for Collaborative Policy, Yolo Basin Foundation, and Fish and Game) to develop work plan and schedule for implementation in late March/early April.
- CALFED Executive Leaders Council participant.
- Solano Land Trust: participating in project proposal discussions.
- SAFCA/SACOG: participating in flood control framework discussions.
- Environmental Justice Summit: participating in planning for Summit by CALFED in April.
- Delta Mercury Collaborative: coordinating scientific/economic expert input and comment letter preparation.
- Resource Conservation and Development Council Bio-energy Steering Committee: providing facilitation support.
- Reclamation districts/water agencies: coordinated input for Corps infrastructure funding (\$90m program).
- North Delta Improvement Program: facilitated interested stakeholder discussions at request of Commissioner Van Loben Sels.
- Delta In-Channel Signage Project: facilitating in-kind contribution from Contra Costa County.
- Providing input for Delta Summit in June.

#### Public Affairs/Outreach

- Provided Sacramento Metro. Chamber with information about Delta issues related to federal involvement/opportunities/funding for consideration in preparing for CAP to CAP trip (April 29-May 3) through local entity representation (Sacramento and Yolo counties, City of West Sacramento).
- Participated on panel presentation to Sacramento County and State Bar Environmental Law Sections entitled Separating Fact From Fear: Flood Risks, Environmental Protection and Development in the Sacramento Delta. Other panel members were: Emma Suarez, State Reclamation Board member; Betsy Marchand, former State Reclamation Board member; and Tom Graff, California Regional Director, Environmental Defense. Keynote speaker was Sandra Ikuta, General Counsel, California Resources Agency on behalf of Secretary Chrisman.
- Made presentation about DPC to the East Contra Costa County Republican Women's Association in response to invitation from Assemblyman Houston's staff, and to San Joaquin County Ag Advisory Council at request of Commissioner Ferguson.
- Met with Chair of the Courtland Community Council to establish rapport and opportunities for collaboration.
- Enhancing web site to include: listings of "events of interest" and Commissioner bios.
- Provided information to Stockton Record.
- Attended Re-envisioning the Delta Conference in Berkeley and Water Education Foundation Conference in Sacramento.